

DECLARATION -- PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I, the below named inventor, am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Apparatus For Positioning A Tong And Drilling Rig Provided With Such An Apparatus", the specification of which was filed on 19 November 1997 bearing PCT International Application No. PCT/GB97/03174. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code § 119 (a) - (d) or § 365 (b) of this application: Application No. 9701790.9 filed 28 January 1997 - Country: Great Britain

As a named inventor I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith and direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed to: Guy McClung, PMB 347, 16890 Champion Forest Drive, Spring, Texas 77379-7023, Phone (281) 8935244, Fax (281) 893 2163.

I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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